

ROBERT J. GILLESPIE.

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Mr. HOLMES, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

R E P O R T:

[To accompany bill H. R. 460.]

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill H. R. 460, make the following report:*

Robert J. Gillespie, on the 12th day of February, 1864, enlisted as a private in Company F, Ninety-eighth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged July 31, 1865.

He applied for a pension through the Pension Office on account of injury to his back and spine, incurred while on duty in front of Atlanta, Ga., occasioned by the stumbling of a comrade who was helping him carry a log, and throwing, as claimed, the weight of the log on claimant. The records of the office of the Surgeon-General show that claimant was troubled with heart disease during the service, but there is no evidence showing him to have suffered with any other ailment during his term of service. The only evidence, besides his own, showing the existence of the disability claimed, is that of his captain, who testifies that he was injured in the back while carrying a log. Several other witnesses testify to his having a lame back since the war.

Granting all that has been testified concerning the injury at the time, yet every surgeon who has examined him states that he is not incapacitated from earning his subsistence by manual labor.

Your committee therefore report adversely upon the bill, and recommend that it be laid upon the table.

